Performance Management Confirmation Application Guide Interim Report and Final Submittal Guide

Introduction

The confirmation process is a roadmap for developing a credible employee performance management program, building employee confidence in the organization's employee performance management system, and enhancing an existing performance-based culture.

Organizations receiving confirmation successfully demonstrate:

- A strong history of performance management.
- An ingrained performance based culture.
- A mature performance planning and evaluation process.
- An internal quality review process of performance plans and evaluations.
- Extensive training of staff and supervisors.
- A high level of employee confidence.

Congratulations! You have passed the first stage. Your preliminary application was approved by the Department of Personnel (DOP) Director, and you are ready to move forward. Your next steps are to develop and test your performance management program, and submit your final application for performance management confirmation (PMC).

Application Process

The next steps in the process are:

1. Develop Model Program

The project manager and workgroup develop model Performance Development Plans (PDP's) and work on program components, including:

- Program award criteria and process.
- Recommendation and Approval Process.
- Reconsideration Process.
- · Roles, accountability, policies and procedures.
- Training and communication strategies and plans.
- Funding, and monitoring.

2. Confirmation Review Group

DOP will convene a confirmation review group (CRG) consisting of representatives from confirmed organizations. In addition to evaluating your final application, the CRG will provide feedback and input as you develop your program and submit progress reports.



3. First Interim Report

After testing the PIP award criteria against the model PDPs, the project manager and workgroup assess your progress and report your findings to DOP. The CRG will provide feedback (approximately 4 months after receiving approval to move forward).

4. Audit Mid-term Evaluations

After your supervisors complete their written interim evaluations, your project manager and workgroup will audit them against the model PDP's and PIP award criteria. Based on your results and lessons learned, you will:

- Update the model PDPs and award criteria.
- Provide feedback, training, or one-one assistance to supervisors as needed.
- Improve sub-standard plans before supervisors complete their final evaluations.
- Improve and update your PDP course curriculum as appropriate.
- Provide follow-up training for new supervisors who are hired mid-cycle.

5. Second Interim Report

After completing the audit, the project manager and workgroup assess your progress and submit your second interim report to DOP and the review group for feedback (approximately 8 months).

6. Third Interim Report

After completing a full PDP evaluation cycle, the project manager and workgroup test the evaluations and new PDP plans against the criteria. Criteria should be updated if needed, feedback should be provided to supervisors, and poor PDP plans should be corrected prior to the next submission.

You will also conduct another employee confidence survey, develop your PIP supervisory training curriculum, and submit your final progress report to DOP and the CRG for feedback (approximately 17 months).

7. Final Application

When ready, the project manager and workgroup complete and submit the final application to DOP (approximately 19 months). DOP staff will review the plan against the 10 confirmation criteria and schedule a presentation.

8. Pre-presentation

Your project manager and workgroup will conduct a dry-run presentation before the CRG to vet the application and answer any technical questions.

9. Presentation

Your chief executive, project manager and workgroup present your application to the DOP Director and the CRG (approximately 20 months).

10. Deliberations

The CRG analyzes the final application and makes a recommendation to the DOP Director (approximately 21 months).

11. Decision

The DOP Director makes a decision on whether to grant confirmation (approximately 22 months).

12. Post-Confirmation Implementation

Following confirmation, you provide training to your supervisors on your performance incentive program. After training, the project manager and workgroup assess the results and prepare to implement the award program (approximately 24 months).

13. Post-Confirmation Monitoring Report

Following the distribution of your first year awards, (and annually thereafter), your agency collects data, analyzes the results, and submits a report to DOP following DOP guidelines. DOP staff analyzes the report and provides input to the DOP Director (approximately 30 months).

Application Content

You completed the preliminary application and have satisfied the basic criteria for moving forward. While you may simply complete the full application, we recommend you develop your application through a series of three interim reports and one final application. The interim reports give you the opportunity to receive feedback as you develop your program. Both the interim reports and the final application consist of responses to a series of questions with supporting documentation, survey results, and other data. In preparation, you should:

1. Review the interim report and final application submittal table

This table is similar to the preliminary application submittal table for your preliminary application (see Attachment A). Criteria requirements are presented in question and answer format. The left column contains the questions to complete and the attachment(s) to include with your response. Some of the criteria have more than one category of questions to complete. The bulleted questions describe specific details that must be addressed.

You may include information from other applications such as Baldridge or WSQA to support your response to these questions (See WSQA cross-reference table). The right hand column contains the standards that will be used to evaluate your application. They measure the maturity of your approaches, the breadth of deployment strategies, extent of organizational learning, and integration with your overall performance management system. You should refer to the application questions and the evaluation standards in your responses.

2. Respond to each application question

The questions allow the confirmation review group to evaluate and provide feedback. Review and feedback depend entirely on the completeness of your responses.

3. Cross-reference when appropriate

While the questions are designed to evaluate different criteria, some information may be relevant to many areas. It is appropriate to refer back to previous responses without repeating information.

4. Complete the interim reports

The reporting format for the reports is the same as the application. The far left column of the submittal table contains the questions and requested support information for each of the three interim reports. The bulleted items describe details that should be addressed for each question. Be sure to include the attachments with your report.

5. Start the final application by preparing the introduction

The introduction helps reviewers understand your lines of business, structure, and performance management philosophy. You should discuss your vision, mission, values, and other information critical to understanding your organization.

6. Complete the final application

The middle column of the submittal table contains the requirements for the final application. The far right hand column contains the evaluation standards. You should refer to the application questions and the scoring evaluation materials in framing your responses.

See Attachment A to review the interim report and final application requirements.

Consultation and Assistance

DOP staff are available to provide ongoing consultation and assistance throughout the confirmation process, including providing a briefing to your executive management team regarding the confirmation process. For more information, please contact DOP at StrategicHR@dop.wa.gov or 360-664-6239 for more information.

Tools and Resources

Use the following tools and resources to learn more about the confirmation process.

- Confirmation Guide Overview
 Application Guide Preliminary Application Submittal Guide
 Application Guide Interim Report and Final Submittal Guide
 Monitoring Report Guide
 Application Process Timeline chart
 Preliminary Readiness Assessment
 Employee Confidence Survey
 Employee Performance Incentive Program Survey
- ☐ Application Process Table

Attachments

A. Interim Report and Final Application Submittal Table

☐ Baldridge/WSQA Question Crosswalk table.

B. Checklist

Interim Report and Final Application Submittal Table

Attachment A

The table below provides the detailed list of application questions and evaluation standards required to complete your application.

First, Second, Third Interim Report Questions	Final Application Questions	Final Application Evaluation Standards
None	Introduction What are your organization's purpose, vision, mission, and values? What are your organization's main services and organizational structure? What are your organization's philosophy and goals around performance management?	Not rated
Performance Incentive Program		
First Interim Report Practices What performance based practices are you proposing for your performance incentive program? Your response should describe: The specific performance incentive tools you are requesting permission to use for this program. Your proposed type and amounts of incentives:, for example: Dollar amounts or salary percentages for lump sum, goal sharing, and gain sharing programs. Leave amounts for lump sum, goal sharing, and gain sharing programs. Percentages and/or timeframes for	Practices What performance based practices are you proposing for your performance incentive program? Your response should describe: The specific performance incentive tools you are requesting permission to use for this program. Your proposed type and amounts of incentives:, for example: Dollar amounts or salary percentages for lump sum, goal sharing, and gain sharing programs. Leave amounts for lump sum, goal sharing, and gain sharing programs. Percentages and/or timeframes for accelerated/decelerated progression pay programs.	Practices ☐ Details the specific tools being requested. ☐ Details which parts of the organization the program will be used in. ☐ Details which employees will and won't be eligible to participate in the program. ☐ Describes the desired impacts this program will have on organizational and individual performance. ☐ Types and amounts fall with scope allowed within the rules. ☐ Incentive levels are clear, specific, and transparent (if program uses multiple levels). ☐ Practices do not create undue risk to the liability,

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 Award levels (if using an award program with multiple levels). What parts of your organization and which employees will be impacted by this program. The desired outcomes you expect to achieve through this program. Include as attachments: Copies of charts and/or tables detailing incentive types, amounts, and levels Second Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed performance based practices? Third Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed performance based practices? 	levels). • What parts of your organization and which employees will be impacted by this program. • The desired outcomes you expect to achieve through this program. Include as attachments: • Copies of charts and/or tables detailing incentive types, amounts, and levels	
Performance Incentive Program First Interim Report Performance Criteria What performance criteria are you proposing for determining the incentive at each level established in your program Include as attachments: Copies of charts and/or tables detailing criteria for each level. Second Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed criteria?	Performance Incentive Program Performance Criteria What criteria are you proposing for determining the incentive at each level established in your program Include as attachments: Copies of charts and/or tables detailing criteria for each level.	Performance Incentive Program Performance Criteria □ Criteria are clear, specific, and transparent □ Different criteria for different levels are transparent (if using multiple levels). □ Criteria distinguishes exceptional performance from otherwise expected performance. □ Criteria distinguishes poor performance from otherwise expected performance (for decelerated pay or layoff penalty programs). □ Criteria describes exceptional performance in terms of real contribution to accomplishment of organizational performance. For example: □ Significant enhancement of client services,

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Interim Report Questions	Questions	Evaluation Standards
Third Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed criteria?		agency products, or mission Contributions which result in substantial cost savings to the agency or increased revenues for the state Exceptional effort and/or demonstrated efficiencies that lead to significant productivity improvements and/or measurable increases in the organization's output. Development of a technical advancement or operational breakthrough, which results in greater efficiency, increased productivity, staff reduction, and/or cost savings. Criteria can be applied to all employees regardless of work unit or job type. Does not create undue risk to the liability, credibility and integrity of state government.
Performance Incentive Program	Performance Incentive Program	Performance Incentive Program
Recommendation & Approval Process	Recommendation & Approval Process	Recommendation & Approval Process
First Interim Report	NATI AL CONTROL DE CON	D D
What recommendation and approval process are you proposing for your performance incentive program?	What recommendation and approval process are you proposing for your performance incentive program?	Recommendation process is integrated with PDP
Your response should describe:	Your response should describe:	process. Approval process includes at least one manager at
The process for supervisors to make incentive	The process for supervisors to make incentive	one level above the sponsoring
recommendations	recommendations	manager/supervisor .
Who will evaluate and make final determinations regarding incentives	Who will evaluate and make final determinations regarding incentives	☐ Recommendation and approval process are clear,
		☐ Recommendation and approval process allow for
recommendations.	recommendations.	timely determination of incentives
The timeframes within which recommendations and	The timeframes within which recommendations and	
determinations will be made.	determinations will be made.	
How recommendations and determinations will be communicated to impacted employees.	How recommendations and determinations will be communicated to imported employees.	
 regarding incentives The process that will be used for evaluating recommendations. The timeframes within which recommendations and determinations will be made. 	regarding incentives The process that will be used for evaluating recommendations. The timeframes within which recommendations and determinations will be made.	specific, and transparent Recommendation and approval process allow to

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Include as attachments: • Program documentation detailing your recommendation and approval process. Second Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed recommendation and approval process? Third Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed recommendation and approval process?	Include as attachments: • Program documentation detailing your recommendation and approval process.	
Performance Incentive Program Reconsideration Process First Interim Report What is your employee reconsideration process? Include as attachments: • Program documentation detailing your reconsideration process. Second Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed reconsideration process? Third Interim Report What updates/changes have you made to the proposed reconsideration process?	Performance Incentive Program Reconsideration Process What is your employee reconsideration process? Include as attachments: Program documentation detailing your reconsideration process.	Performance Incentive Program Reconsideration Process Reconsideration process is clear, specific, and transparent Reconsideration process allows for timely consideration and determination.

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1. Executive Commitment		
Executive Commitment None	Executive Commitment How has your leadership demonstrated its commitment to a performance-based culture and successfully implementing a new performance management program? Your response should describe: How your executive leadership has communicated its commitment to successfully implementing the new performance management program. How your organization has allocated adequate resources to achieve performance management confirmation. How your organization has allocated adequate resources to ensure success of the new performance management program. Include as attachments: Copies of executive communications such as: Notes or minutes from face-to face meetings conducted with employees and Director. Letters, email. Posters Newsletters Intranet pages Notes or minutes from Staff meetings Copy of confirmation team roster.	□ Agency demonstrates a historic culture of performance. □ Chief executive has communicated his/her commitment to both a performance management culture and successfully implementing the new performance management program. □ Chief executive has communicated his/her commitment to new performance incentive program to employees (if appropriate). □ Senior leadership has been actively involved in the development of the agency's current performance management system and the new performance management program. □ Agency has allocated adequate resources to successfully implement the new performance management program.

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2. Readiness Assessment		
Readiness Assessment Organizational Performance Planning None	Readiness Assessment Organizational Performance Planning How has your leadership promoted and supported organizational performance planning and results? Your response should describe: • Your process for developing your strategic plan. • Your process for monitoring and reporting performance against goals. • How your process integrates with other planning and assessment systems (GMAP, WSQA, etc.) • The systems you have in place for communicating performance results. Include as attachments: • A copy of your strategic plan • A copy of your business plan (if applicable) • A copy of your performance measures for each business line in the organization • GMAP or comparable reports on business goal and performance measure progress • WSQA application and feedback report (if applicable) • Baldridge application and feedback report (if applicable)	Readiness Assessment Organizational Performance Planning
Readiness Assessment	Readiness Assessment	Readiness Assessment
Recognition and Reward Systems None	Recognition and Reward Systems What is your organization's experience recognizing or rewarding excellent performance? Your response should describe:	Recognition and Reward Systems Demonstrated experience recognizing excellent performance such as: Recognition program that: Tie individual contribution to

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	Your experience identifying and responding to high performance through such means as: Recognition programs. PDP stretch goals. Succession planning programs. How this experience demonstrates your ability to successfully develop and implement a performance incentive program (if applicable). Include as attachments: Copies of relevant materials.	organizational results. ☐ Has defined criteria. ☐ Has a formal process. ☐ PDPs that establish and evaluate against stretch goals. ☐ Succession programs that target high performers.
Readiness Assessment Employee Confidence First Interim Report What have you done to address gaps in the employee survey? Your response should describe: • What is your action plan for addressing those gaps? Include as attachments: • A copy of action plan (if necessary) Third Interim Report What did your second survey tell you about employee confidence? Your response should describe: • What significant gaps did it reveal? • What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?	Readiness Assessment Employee Confidence How confident are your employees in the organization's ability to manage performance? Your response should describe: Your survey process. Your survey results. Analysis of actions taken to address initial agreement ratings below 65% and overall response rate below 75%. Your strategy and action plan for continuing evaluation and reporting of employee engagement. Include as attachments: Completed PMC employee confidence survey(s)	Readiness Assessment Employee Confidence □ Completed initial and follow-up surveys using standard DOP instrument. □ Surveys administered to all agency employees. □ Results are tabulated separately between management and employees. □ 65% or more employees indicate agreement on each survey question.(i.e., agree and strongly agree). □ 75% or greater overall response rate. □ Strategy and action plan for continuing evaluation and reporting of employee engagement (as reported through all-staff employee survey results, etc.).

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3. Roles & Responsibilities Roles & Responsibilities	Roles & Responsibilities	Roles & Responsibilities
First Interim Report What modifications are you proposing to existing roles and responsibilities?	How have you assigned roles and responsibilities to support successful implementation and maintenance of your new employee performance management program?	 New/modified roles and responsibilities are assigned for: □ Executive Management □ Human Resources
Your response should describe: Tasks accomplished from your action plan.	Your response should describe: New/modified assignments.	☐ Supervisors ☐ Employees
 Modifications to your action plan. How you have addressed the gaps identified in your previous analysis. Any new gaps you have identified. What new or modified roles and responsibilities you are making to support the new performance management program. Include as attachments: Copies of draft policies, procedures, or other documentation outline new or modified roles and responsibilities. Second Interim Report What did the interim reviews tell you about your assigned 	 New/modified assignments. How assignments have been communicated. How they will contribute to the new performance management program. How they address gaps identified in your previous analyses. Include as attachments: Copies of policies, procedures or other communication that outline roles and responsibilities. 	 Employees Each person with an assigned role is aware of their role and responsibilities. Role and responsibility assignments thoroughly address: Executive Management responsibility for leadership and oversight. Human resource responsibility for monitoring, reporting, and coaching. Supervisor responsibility for: Performance planning Feedback, coaching, and evaluation. Recognizing accomplishment. Taking corrective action when necessary.
roles and responsibilities? Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?		 Employee responsibility for: Participating in performance planning. Achieving performance/competency targets. Seeking feedback and clarification when

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Include as attachments: • A revised copy of assigned roles and responsibilities (if necessary). • A copy of revised action plan (if necessary). Third Interim Report What did your PDP audit tell you about your assigned roles and responsibilities?? Your response should describe: • What significant gaps did it reveal? • What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?		necessary. Correcting poor performance when necessary.
4. Management Accountability		
Management Accountability First Interim Report What modifications are your proposing to existing management accountabilities? Your response should describe: Tasks accomplished from your action plan. Modifications to your action plan. How you have addressed the gaps identified in your previous analysis. Any new gaps you have identified. What new or modified management accountabilities you are making to support the new performance management program. Include as attachments:	How will your managers and supervisors be held accountable for consistent, equitable, and transparent administration of your new performance management program? Your response should describe: New/modified accountability standards and practices, including the consequences of poor performance for managers and supervisors. How new/modified accountability standards, practices and consequences have been communicated to managers and supervisors. How they will contribute to the new performance	 Management Accountability □ Clear accountability standards and practices exist for managers and supervisors. □ Managers and supervisors clearly understand consequences for failure to meet performance management responsibilities. □ Administrative process in place for tracking manager and supervisor compliance with performance management standards and practices.
Copies of draft policies, procedures, or other documentation outline new or modified management	management program. • How they address gaps identified in your previous	

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accountabilities.	analyses.Your monitoring and tracking processes for ensuring compliance.	
Second Interim Report What did the interim reviews tell you about your accountability standards and practices?	Include as attachments: Copies of policies, procedures or other communication that outline accountability standards and practices.	
Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?		
Include as attachments: A revised copy of accountability standards (if necessary). A copy of revised action plan (if necessary).		
Third Interim Report What did your PDP audit tell you about your accountability standards and practices?		
Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?		
5. Policies and Procedures		
Policies and Procedures First Interim Report What modifications are your proposing to existing policies and procedures?	Policies and Procedures How do your policies and procedures support your new performance management program? Your response should describe:	Policies and Procedures Policy – Content Salary Determination Policy (SDP): Describes the organization's general pay philosophy.
Your response should describe: Tasks accomplished from your action plan.	How your salary determination policy (SDP) and employee performance management (EPM) policy will	Describes roles and responsibilities of various staff relative to compensation practices and processes.

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 Modifications to your action plan. How you have addressed the gaps identified in your previous analysis. Any new gaps you have identified. What new or modified policies and procedures you are making to support the new performance management program. Include as attachments: Copies of draft policies and procedures. accountabilities. Second Interim Report What did the interim reviews tell you about your policies and procedures? Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? What is your action plan for addressing those gaps? Include as attachments: A revised copy of policies and procedure(s) (if necessary) A copy of revised action plan (if necessary) Third Interim Report What did your PDP audit tell you about your policies and procedures? Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?	contribute to the success of your new performance management program. • Your process for developing and implementing your policies and procedures. Include as attachments: • Copy of new SDP. • Copy of new EPM Policy. • Procedures for developing and communicating policies and procedures.	 □ Describes how base salary and other elements of compensation are determined. Employee Performance Management (EPM) Policy: □ Describes executive commitment to EPM. □ Describes linkage between EPM, organizational performance management, and accomplishment of organizational goals. □ Describes the principles and purpose of the EPM system. □ Describes roles and responsibilities of various staff relative to EPM. Policy - Process: □ Describes process for drafting policies and procedures. □ Describes process for getting feedback and input. □ Describes process for communicating new/revised policies and procedures.

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Communication Strategy None	Communication Strategy What is your internal communication strategy during implementation of your new performance management program and performance incentive program (if applicable)? Your response should describe: Your communication strategy, including: Key 'themes' you intend to communicate to managers/supervisors. Key 'themes' you intend to communicate to employees. The significant communication risk areas that you will need to address moving forward. Contingency plans for eliminating misunderstandings and destructive myths. Include as attachments: Your action plan (detailing who, what, & when).	Communication Strategy ☐ Completed risk analysis ☐ Action plan for addressing identified risks (detailing who, what, & when), which includes: ☐ Involvement of executive management, human resources, supervisors, and employees. ☐ Targeted communication to managers/supervisors. ☐ Targeted communication to employees. ☐ Communication throughout agency, across all work units and locations. ☐ Utilization of both formal and informal means of communication. ☐ Linkage with planned training. ☐ Regular updates.
External Stakeholders None	Copies of communication so far. External Stakeholders What is your strategy for communicating with key external stakeholders (e.g., boards, legislators, regulators, and media) during implementation of your performance management program? Your response should describe:	External Stakeholders External stakeholder communication action plan (detailing who, what, & when).

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	How you plan to communicate your intent to implement a performance incentive program with external clients and customers.	
	Include as attachments:	
	Your action plan (detailing who, what, & when).	
	Copies of communication so far.	
7. Training & Development Strategy		
Training & Development Strategy Second Interim Report What modifications are your proposing to the existing training plan and requirements? Your response should describe: Tasks accomplished from your action plan. Modifications to your action plan. How you have addressed the gaps identified in your previous analysis. Any new gaps you have identified. What new or modified training requirements you are making to support the new performance management program.	Training & Development Strategy How does your organization's training plan support your new performance management program? Your response should describe: • Your commitment to training. • Your core management/supervisor and employee training requirements. • Your process and tools for monitoring compliance. • Your current level of compliance. Include as attachments: • Your organization training plan, detailing required training. • Your monitoring reports, detailing current compliance with training requirements.	Training & Development Strategy □ Demonstrated executive commitment to staff training, including: □ Financial resources. □ Release time. □ Established training requirements for: □ Senior leaders and managers. □ Supervisors. □ Employees. □ New supervisors. □ New employees. □ Core training requirements for all employees that include: □ Ethics. □ Diversity. □ Sexual Harassment Prevention. □ Core training requirements for managers and supervisors that include: □ Supervisor's essentials or equivalent □ Performance Planning and Development. □ Job Analysis and PDF writing. □ Monitoring and reporting system that: □ Comprehensively tracks all permanent employees.

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Training & Development	Training & Development	□ Auditing PDPs for improvement □ Reports compliance to executive mgmt. □ Demonstrated 100% compliance with required training. Training & Development
Training - PDP	Training - PDP & PIP	Training - PDP & PIP
Second Interim Report:	What orientation and training will you provide to	PDP Curriculum
What modifications are you making to your existing PDP	employees, supervisors, and managers to implement your	□ PDP training that includes:
training?	new employee performance management program?	How to cascade organizational goals through individual key results expected.
Your response should describe:	Your response should describe:	☐ How to distinguish between different levels of
What new or modified training curriculum you are developing to support the performance incentive program.	 What modifications you are making to your existing PDP training requirements. What training you are implementing to support your 	performance. One-on-one assistance from a variety of sources.
How these changes address previously identified gaps.	performance incentive program (if applicable)	☐ Training incorporated into supervisor's IDPs. Training Requirements
Include as attachments:	Training completion rates for PDP & PIP training conducted.	☐ 100% supervisor PDP course completion.
Revised PDP Curriculum.	Include as attachments:	☐ Ongoing refresher training:
PDP training schedule.	Training curriculum and training aids for PDP course.	☐ Included in new employee and new
. Dr. daming conceasio.	Training curriculum and training aids for performance	supervisor orientation.
	incentive program course (if applicable).	☐ Included in supervisors' individual
		development plans. Training Completion
		100% supervisor PDP course completion.
		PIP Curriculum (if applicable)
		☐ Performance incentive program training curriculum
		that addresses:
		Roles and responsibilities.
		☐ Processes, criteria, standards, and
		expectations.
		 One-on-one assistance from a variety of sources.
		☐ Training incorporated into supervisor's IDPs.

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Interim Report Questions	Questions	Reconsideration process.
		Troconsideration process.
8. PDP Implementation		
PDP Implementation	PDP Implementation	PDP Implementation
PDP - Practices	PDP – Practices	PDP – Practices
First Interim Report What modification are you making to implement your new	How do your performance planning and evaluation (PDP) practices support successful implementation and	Framework ☐ Agency demonstrates framework in place for
employee performance management practices?	maintenance of your new performance management	PDPs' which cascade strategic/business plan
How do these modifications address previously identified	program and performance incentive program (if	goals and organization performance measures
gaps?	applicable)?	down to individual PDP Key Results Expected.
What modifications are you making to your performance	Your response should describe:	Position Description Forms (PDF's)
management practices to support the performance		
incentive program? (if applicable)	Your conceptual framework for cascading strategic/business plan goals and organization	 Clearly state essential job functions and major job duties.
Your response should describe:	performance measures down to the individual PDP	☐ Clearly identify knowledge, skills, abilities and
Your conceptual framework for cascading	Key Results Expected.	behaviors needed for successful job performance.
strategic/business plan goals and organization	How your framework will ensure:	
performance measures down to individual PDP key	 Key result and competency expectations are 	Performance and Development Plans (PDPs):
results expected.	written with clear performance measures and	Diagning Components (Darts 1.2.2)
How your framework will ensure:	standards.	Planning Components (Parts 1,2,3)
Key result and competency expectations are written with aleast performance measures and	Supervisors link performance evaluations back to performance evaluations identified in Part 1 of	☐ Supervisors set individual job-related performance
written with clear performance measures and standards.	performance expectations identified in Part 1 of the PDP.	expectations that:
 Supervisors link performance evaluations back to 	uici Dr.	☐ Set expectations with clear performance
performance expectations identified in Part 1 of	Include as attachments:	measures and results which contribute to
the PDP.		unit, program, and organizational goals.
	A sample of 10 PDP plans from the current evaluation	☐ Are specific, measurable, action-oriented,
Include as attachments:	cycle representing a cross-section of employees.	realistic, and time-oriented (SMART).
A copy of model PDPs (plan and evaluation)	A sample of 10 PDP evaluations from the previous	Contain position-specific, measurable and observable competencies.

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Interim Report Questions	Questions	Evaluation Standards
A copy of revised action plan (if necessary)	evaluation cycle (including the plan from the same evaluation year), representing a cross-section of employees.	Employee development plans contain training plans for developing and maintaining key knowledge and skills needed for successful job performance.
Second Interim Report		☐ Majority of employees provide input.
What did the interim reviews tell you about the quality of your current PDP plans?		Evaluation Components: (Parts 4 & 5) Periodic interim reviews conducted to accurately
Your response should describe:		reflect changes to work assignments or special
What significant gaps did it reveal?		projects.
What is your action plan for addressing those gaps?		Supervisors' feedback: Measurably distinguishes between
Include as attachments:		unsatisfactory and satisfactory performance
 A revised copy of model PDP's (if necessary) 		☐ Links performance results back to
A copy of revised action plan (if necessary)		performance expectations identified in Part 1 of the PDP.
Third Interim Report		
What did your PDP audit tell you about the quality of your		
current PDP plans and your prior year PDP Evaluations?		
Your response should describe:		
What significant gaps did it reveal?		
What is your action plan for addressing those gaps? PDD Invalor and thin in	DDD Invalous autoticus	DDD Immilementation
PDP Implementation PDP – Process	PDP Implementation PDP – Process	PDP Implementation PDP – Process
First Interim Report	How does your performance planning and evaluation	☐ Agency has used the PDP to plan and appraise
What modifications have you made to the existing	(PDP) process support your new performance	performance for one or more performance cycles.
performance planning and evaluation (PDP) process to	management program?	☐ Agency has met established timeframes and
implement your new PDP practices?		deadlines for completing the PDP.
	How effective are your performance planning and	☐ Agency demonstrates use of periodic interim
Your response should describe:	evaluation monitoring/compliance practices?	reviews, including at least one mid-term evaluation
Tasks accomplished from your action plan.		during the review period.

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 Modifications to your action plan. How you have addressed the gaps identified in your previous analysis. Any new gaps you have identified. What new or modified performance planning and evaluation processes you are making to support the performance incentive program? (if applicable) Include as attachments: Copies of draft policies, procedures, or other documentation outline new or modified performance planning and evaluation processes. Second Interim Report What did the interim reviews tell you about your PDP process? Your response should describe: What is your action plan for addressing those gaps? Third Interim Report What did your PDP audit tell you about your PDP process? Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? Your response should describe: What significant gaps did it reveal? What significant gaps did it reveal? What significant gaps did it reveal? What is your action plan for addressing those gaps? 	 Your response should describe: Your evaluation cycle, including whether you use a standardized cycle(s). Timeframes for drafting, discussing, submitting, and reviewing plans and evaluations (including how these timeframes are communicated to supervisors and employees). How and when employees are provided either verbal or written feedback and coaching during the evaluation cycle, including interim reviews. Your policies, procedures and tools for monitoring quality and compliance. Your current level of compliance. Include as attachments: HR Management Report detailing current completion rates. 	 □ Agency has ongoing monitoring and reporting system that: □ Tracks 100% completion/compliance rate for: □ PDP plans. □ Individual development plans. □ Performance evaluations. □ Current position descriptions. □ Supervisor expectations for workforce management. □ Comprehensively tracks all permanent employees. □ Reports compliance to executive management. □ Conducts reviews for PDPs for quality and improvement: □ Percentage of interim reviews conducted. □ Percentage of employees receiving a final performance evaluation. □ Percentage improvements in employee, unit, or organizational performance ratings. (See employee confidence)

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Funding Plan First Interim Report What is your plan for funding the performance incentive program? (if applicable) Your response should describe: • Your estimated costs to fund the program. • Your anticipated funding approach. • Your communications with your OFM budget analyst. Include as attachments: • A copy of the cost analysis and estimates. Second Interim Report What modifications are you making to your funding approach to implement and support your performance incentive program? (if applicable) Your response should describe: • Your revised cost estimates. Include as attachments: • A copy of revised cost analysis and estimates.	Funding Plan Approach How will you fund the performance incentive program? Your response should describe: • Your estimated costs to fund the program. • Your funding approach. • Your communications with your OFM budget analyst. • Your process for monitoring and reporting estimated and actual costs to senior management. Include as attachments: • A copy of the cost analysis and estimates. • A copy of the letter from your agency Director certifying funds are available.	Funding Plan Approach Agency demonstrates a sustainable funding approach: Funding approved at the Executive level. Funding approach meets OFM budgetary standards. Worked with OFM budget analyst to discuss funding options such as: Set-aside monies allocated during the during the normal allotment process (provided that the set aside does not impact services). Actual savings from efficiencies. Use of monies saved through actual vacancies. Use of the General Fund-State Savings Incentive Program (for eligible agencies, for one-time awards only). Additional funding through legislative or other action. Prudent cost analysis. Reporting Transparent and ongoing reporting of estimated and actual costs to senior management.

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Monitoring Plan First Interim Report How do you plan to monitor and report on the performance incentive program? (if applicable) Your response should describe: • What information you will monitor, analyze, and report. • How and when you will report your results internally and to DOP. Include as attachments: • A copy of the monitoring action plan (detailing who, what, & when). Second Interim Report & 4 What modifications are you making to your monitoring plan to support your performance incentive program? (if applicable) Your response should describe: • Your revised monitoring action plan (detailing who, what, & when). Include as attachments: • A copy of the modified monitoring action plan (detailing who, what, & when).	Monitoring Plan How will you monitor and report on the performance incentive program? Your response should describe: • What information you will monitor, analyze, and report. • The targets for each item you are monitoring. • How and when you will report your results internally and to DOP. Include as attachments: • A copy of the monitoring action plan (detailing who, what, & when).	Monitoring Plan Operations ☐ The agency monitors and has targets for program operations, including: ☐ Nominations – amounts, numbers, percentages, and reasons for nominations. ☐ Awards – amounts, numbers, percentages, and reasons for awards. ☐ Award demographic information (e.g., division breakout, profession line staff/supervisor/management, etc.). ☐ Number and percentage of requests for reconsideration and final resolution. Performance ☐ The agency monitors and has targets for employee performance level impacts. ☐ The agency monitors and has targets for organizational performance level impacts. Employee Engagement ☐ The agency monitors employee engagement levels through pre- and post- survey process. Reporting Process ☐ The agency has an action plan for analyzing and reporting the status and results of the program both ☐ Internally. ☐ To DOP following distribution of the first year awards (at submit 6) and annually thereafter.

Submittal Checklist

Attachment B

Please be sure to complete the following items before submitting your preliminary application:

V	Checklist Item
	Develop Model Program ☐ The project manager and workgroup developed: ☐ Model format and content Performance Development Plans (PDP's). ☐ Developed or revised policies and procedures regarding assigned roles, responsibilities, management accountability. ☐ Training and communication strategies and plans. ☐ The project manager and workgroup has developed the performance incentive program (PIP), including: ☐ Program award criteria and process. ☐ Recommendation and Approval Process. ☐ Reconsideration Process.
	☐ Funding, and monitoring.
	Test Model Program ☐ The workgroup tested the PIP award criteria against the model PDPs.
	First Interim Report ☐ The workgroup assessed progress and test results and reported findings to DOP. ☐ The confirmation review group provided feedback.
	Test Mid-year Performance Evaluations ☐ Mid-year PDP evaluations were tested against the award criteria. ☐ Audit results were used to: ☐ Update to the PDP model and award criteria. ☐ Provide feedback, training, or one-one assistance to supervisors as needed. ☐ Improve any sub-standard plans before supervisors completed their final evaluations. ☐ Improved and updated PDP course curriculum as appropriate. ☐ Provided follow-up training for new supervisors hired mid-cycle.
	Second Interim Report The project manager and workgroup assessed progress and results and submitted second interim report to DOP. The confirmation review group provided feedback.

V	Checklist Item	
	Audit, Employee Survey, and Training	
	☐ Following full evaluation cycle, the project manager and workgroup audited	
	and tested the evaluations and new PDP plans against the award criteria.	
	Audit results were used to:	
	Update the PDP model and award criteria.	
	Provide feedback to supervisors.	
	Poor PDP plans corrected prior to final submission.	
	☐ An employee confidence survey conducted.	
	☐ PIP supervisory training curriculum developed.	
	Third Interim Report	
	☐ The project manager and workgroup assessed progress and results and	
	submitted third interim report to DOP.	
	The confirmation review group provided feedback.	
	Final Application	
	Upon submittal, the workgroup has completed the following:	
	☐ A policy regarding the performance management system has been	
	established.	
	Procedures have been established that govern the actions for which	
	performance management confirmation is being requested (i.e., lump sum	
	recognition pay, leave, etc.).	
	 Accountability has been established for managers regarding their responsibilities in performance management. 	
	☐ A communication strategy and plan are in place.	
	☐ A training plan is in place to provide supervisors training in:	
	☐ The PDP form and process.	
	Performance-incentive program.	
	☐ A sustainable funding approach in place.	
	A monitoring plan with performance measures has been established.	
	Submit Application	
	☐ Submit your application to:	
	Eva Santos, Director Washington State Department of Personnel PO Box 47500	
	Olympia, WA 98504-7500	

Please be sure to complete the following items as you prepare for final confirmation:

V	Checklist Item
	Pre-presentation ☐ Your project manager and workgroup has conducted a dry-run presentation before the Review Group to vet the application and answer any preliminary technical questions.
	Presentation ☐ Your chief executive, project manager and workgroup have presented your application before the Department of Personnel Director and the Review Group.
	Decision ☐ The Department of Personnel Director has made a decision to grant confirmation. Congratulations!